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1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM CHAIRMAN RUSSELL E. TRAIN TO ACADEMICIAN
FEDOROV. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV:
I WAS DISTRESSED AT THE LAST- MINUTE NOTICE THAT THE
SOVIET SIDE WOULD NOT FULFILL ITS AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE BOWHEAD WHALE STUDY PROJECT BEING LED ON THE
U. S. SIDE BY SCOTT MCVAY. AS YOU KNOW, PARTICIPATION
OF TWO SOVIET SCIENTISTS IN THIS STUDY PROJECT IN ALASKA
WAS SPECIFICALLY AGREED TO IN THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY
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THE TWO CHAIRMEN OF THE WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR MEETING IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 31. I HAD A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT FROM THE BEGINNING, BECAUSE OF MY ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH MR. MCVAY AND MY BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS PROJECT. IN FACT WHEN THE SOVIET SIDE REQUIRED THAT WE REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OUR DELEGATION TO THE JANUARY MEETING, I HAD TO ASK A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL NOT TO GO IN ORDER THAT MR. MCVAY COULD MAKE THE TRIP AND MAKE FIRM, FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN HIS PROJECT.

2. ONCE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED, US SIDE MADE ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR STUDY BASED ON ASSUMPTION OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR WAS COOPERATIVE IN FURNISHING AIRCRAFT AND OTHER SUPPORT ON ASSUMPTION PROJECT WAS IN FURTHERANCE OF US- USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. MCVAY GOT COMMITMENT FROM CANADIAN FILM BOARD TO PHOTOGRAPH EXPEDITION ALSO IN PART BECAUSE OF INTEREST IN SOVIET PARTICIPATION. THEREFORE LAST- MINUTE CANCELLATION WAS SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO ALL CONCERNED.

3. POSTPONEMENTS OF VISITS ARE DIFFICULT ENOUGH, BUT CANCELLATION OF AGREED JOINT PROJECTS CREATES PARTICULARLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS. SUCH INCIDENTS MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ELICIT FULL COOPERATION FROM US GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE GROUPS WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF OUR PROGRAM. I DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL LOOK INTO THIS MATTER, AND I FEEL SURE YOU SHARE MY HOPE THAT SUCH INCIDENTS WILL NOT BE REPEATED. SINCERELY, RUSSELL E. TRAIN. END TEXT.
ROGERS

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